JEREMIAH BRYAN—HEIRS OF.

[To accompany bill H. R. 590.]

DECEMBER 12, 1856.

Mr. Sandidge, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT.

In the case of the legal representatives of Jeremiah Bryan, deceased, asking to be allowed to locate six hundred and forty acres of land in the Greensburg land district, of Louisiana, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, the committee make the following report:

James O. Cosby, who was appointed commissioner under act of Congress for the adjustment of private land claims in that part of Louisiana east of the Mississippi and west of Pearl river, in his report of the actual settlers, (3d vol. American State Papers, page 70,) states that Jeremiah Bryan was of that class, having made his settlement in May, 1809. And the certificate (No. 209) of the register and receiver of the land office, issued in May, 1849, in accordance with the commissioner's report and the act of Congress, declares that claim No. 451, in the name of Jeremiah Bryan, was recognized as valid, and confirmed for 640 acres of land in the parish of St. Helena.

The parties are now asking relief, because, by the completion of recent surveys, Bryan's claim has been overslaughed—swallowed up by another—as appears from the certification of the present register of the Greensburg land district, under date of the 24th July last, who states, "that from the evidence on file in his office, the land originally claimed by Jeremiah Bryan in virtue of settlement and cultivation, and which claim was duly reported by the commissioner, J. O. Cosby, in his list of settlement claims, dated June 7, 1813, being No. 451 thereof, has been entirely covered by a claim represented on the map of township seven south, of range seven east, as section forty-eight, in the name of Samuel Leonard, and there is no public land where the claim of Bryan appears to have been originally located;" wherefore, your committee, recognizing the justness of the claim for relief, report the accompanying bill.

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